

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Jacheon LEE, et al.

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For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF SIMVASTATIN

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 22, 2007, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hoffman *et al.* US 4,444,784 ("Hoffman et al.") taken with Taoka *et al.* US 6,331,641 (US equivalent of WO 00/34264, "Taoka et al.") in view of Dabora *et al.* US 5,159,104 ("Dabora et al").

The references were cited in the previous Office Action. Hoffman et al is relied upon to teach preparing simvastatin from lovastatin by hydrolysis of the lactone ring using lithium